# TRUST AGREEMENT FOR CLASS VI CORRECTIVE ACTION, INJECTION WELL PLUGGING, POST INJECTION SITE CARE AND SITE CLOSURE, AND/OR EMERGENCY AND REMEDIAL RESPONSE 40 CFR 146.85(a)(1)(i)

## Wabash CCS Project

TRUST AGREEMENT, the "Agreement," entered into as of 4/26/2021 by and between Wabash Carbon Services LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, the "Grantor," and U.S. Bank National Association, a national banking association, the "Trustee."

Whereas, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, "EPA," an agency of the United States Government has established certain regulations applicable to the Grantor, requiring that an owner or operator of an injection well shall provide assurance that funds will be available when needed for corrective action, injection well plugging, post injection site care and site closure, and/or emergency and remedial response of the injection well,

Whereas, the Grantor has elected to establish a trust to provide all or part of such financial assurance for the facility(ies) identified herein,

Whereas, the Grantor, acting through its duly authorized officers, has selected the Trustee to be the trustee under this agreement, and the Trustee is willing to act as trustee,

Now, therefore, the Grantor and the Trustee agree as follows:

# Section 1. Definitions as used in this Agreement.

- (A) The term "Grantor" means the owner or operator who enters into this Agreement and any successors or assigns of the Grantor.
- (B) The term "Trustee" means the Trustee who enters into this Agreement and any successor Trustee.
- (C) Facility or activity means any "underground injection well" or any other facility or activity that is subject to regulation under the Underground Injection Control Program.
- (D) Beneficiary (if any) means an entity other than EPA that has authority to direct the Trustee to make payments of Trust proceeds to contractors or other entities for corrective action, injection well plugging, post injection site care and site closure, and/or emergency and remedial response work.

<u>Section 2. Identification of Facilities and Cost Estimates.</u> This Agreement pertains to the facilities and cost estimates identified on attached Schedule A.

<u>Section 3. Establishment of Fund.</u> The Grantor and the Trustee hereby establish a trust fund, the "Fund," for the benefit of the EPA. The Grantor and the Trustee acknowledge that the purpose of the Fund is to fulfill the Grantor's corrective action, injection well plugging, post injection site care and site closure, and/or emergency and remedial response obligations described at 40 CFR

146.84, 146.92, 146.93, and/or 146.94, respectively. All expenditures from the Fund shall be to fulfill the legal obligations of the Grantor under such regulations, and not any obligation of EPA. The Grantor and the Trustee intend that no independent third party have access to the Fund except as herein provided. The Fund is established initially as consisting of the property, which is acceptable to the Trustee, described in Schedule B attached hereto. Such property and any other property subsequently transferred to the Trustee is referred to as the Fund, together with all earnings and profits thereon, less any payments or distributions made by the Trustee pursuant to this Agreement. The Fund shall be held by the Trustee, IN TRUST, as hereinafter provided. The Trustee shall not be responsible nor shall it undertake any responsibility for the amount or adequacy of, nor any duty to collect from the Grantor, any payments necessary to discharge any responsibilities of the Grantor established by EPA regulations.

Section 4. Payment for corrective action, injection well plugging, post injection site care and site closure, and/or emergency and remedial response. The Trustee shall make payments from the Fund as the UIC Program Director shall direct, in writing, to provide for the payment of the costs of corrective action, injection well plugging, post injection site care and site closure, and/or emergency and remedial response of the injection wells covered by this Agreement. The Trustee shall use the Fund to reimburse the Grantor or other persons selected by the Beneficiary to perform work when the UIC Program Director advises in writing that the work will be or was necessary for the fulfillment of the Grantor's corrective action, injection well plugging, post injection site care and site closure, and/or emergency and remedial response obligations described at 40 CFR 146.84, 146.92, 146.93, and/or 146.94, respectively. The UIC Program Director may advise the Trustee that amounts in the Fund are no longer necessary to fulfill the Grantor's obligations under 40 CFR 146.85 and that the Trustee may refund the remaining funds to the Grantor. Upon refund, such funds shall no longer constitute part of the Fund as defined herein.

<u>Section 5. Payments Comprising the Fund.</u> Payments made to the Trustee for the Fund shall consist of cash or securities acceptable to the Trustee. Schedule C provides the amounts and timing of the Grantor payments (i.e., the pay-in periods).

Section 6. Trustee Management. The Trustee shall invest and reinvest the principal and income of the Fund and keep the Fund invested as a single fund, without distinction between principal and income, in accordance with general investment policies and guidelines which the Grantor may communicate in writing to the Trustee from time to time, subject, however, to the provisions of this Section. In investing, reinvesting, exchanging, selling, and managing the Fund, the Trustee shall discharge his duties with respect to the Fund solely in the interest of the beneficiary and with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing which persons of prudence, acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters, would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims; except that:

(A) Securities or other obligations of the Grantor, or any other owner or operator of the facilities, or any of their affiliates as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 80a-2.(a), shall not be acquired or held, unless they are securities or other obligations of the federal or a state government;

- (B) The Trustee is authorized to invest the Fund in time or demand deposits of the Trustee, to the extent insured by an agency of the federal or state government; and
- (C) The Trustee is authorized to hold cash awaiting investment or distribution un-invested for a reasonable time and without liability for the payment of interest thereon.

Section 7. Commingling and Investment. The Trustee is expressly authorized in its discretion:

- (A) To transfer from time to time any or all of the assets of the Fund to any common, commingled, or collective trust fund created by the Trustee in which the Fund is eligible to participate, subject to all of the provisions thereof, to be commingled with the assets of other trusts participating therein; and
- (B) To purchase shares in any investment company, except as specified in writing by the owner or operator, registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. 80a-1 et seq., including one which may be created, managed, underwritten, or to which investment advice is rendered or the shares of which are sold by the Trustee. The Trustee may vote shares in its discretion.

<u>Section 8. Express Powers of Trustee.</u> Without in any way limiting the powers and discretions conferred upon the Trustee by the other provisions of this Agreement or by law, the Trustee is expressly authorized and empowered:

- (A) To sell, exchange, convey, transfer, or otherwise dispose of any property held by it, by public or private sale. No person dealing with the Trustee shall be bound to see to the application of the purchase money or to inquire into the validity or expediency of any such sale or other disposition;
- (B) To make, execute, acknowledge, and deliver any and all documents of transfer and conveyance and any and all other instruments that may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the powers herein granted;
- (C) To register any securities held in the Fund in its own name or in the name of a nominee and to hold any security in bearer form or in book entry, or to combine certificates representing such securities with certificates of the same issue held by the Trustee in other fiduciary capacities, or to deposit or arrange for the deposit of such securities in a qualified central depository even though, when so deposited, such securities may be merged and held in bulk in the name of the nominee of such depositary with other securities deposited therein by another person, or to deposit or arrange for the deposit of any securities issued by the United States Government, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, with a Federal Reserve bank, but the books and records of the Trustee shall at all times show that all such securities are part of the Fund;
- (D) To deposit any cash in the Fund in interest-bearing accounts maintained or savings certificates issued by the Trustee, in its separate corporate capacity, or in any other banking institution affiliated with the Trustee, to the extent insured by an agency of the federal or state government; and
- (E) To compromise or otherwise adjust all claims in favor of or against the Fund.

Section 9. Taxes and Expenses. All taxes of any kind that may be assessed or levied against or in respect of the Fund and all brokerage commissions incurred by the Fund shall be paid from the Fund. All other expenses incurred by the Trustee in connection with the administration of this Trust, including fees for legal services rendered to the Trustee, the compensation of the Trustee to the extent not paid directly by the Grantor, and all other proper charges and disbursements of the Trustee shall be paid from the Fund.

Section 10. Annual Valuation. The Trustee shall annually, at least 30 days prior to the anniversary date of establishment of the Fund, furnish to the Grantor and to the [UIC Program] Director a statement confirming the value of the Trust. Any securities in the Fund shall be valued at market value as of no more than 60 days prior to the anniversary date of establishment of the Fund. The failure of the Grantor to object in writing to the Trustee within 90 days after the statement has been furnished to the Grantor and the UIC Program Director shall constitute a conclusively binding assent by the Grantor, barring the Grantor from asserting any claim or liability against the Trustee with respect to matters disclosed in the statement.

Section 11. Advice of Counsel. The Trustee may from time to time consult with counsel, who may be counsel to the Grantor, with respect to any question arising as to the construction of this Agreement of any action to be taken hereunder. The Trustee shall be fully protected, to the extent permitted by law, in acting upon the advice of counsel.

<u>Section 12. Trustee Compensation.</u> The Trustee shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for its services as agreed upon in writing from time to time with the Grantor.

Section 13. Successor Trustee. The Trustee may resign or the Grantor may replace the Trustee, but such resignation or replacement shall not be effective until the Grantor has appointed a successor trustee and this successor accepts the appointment. The successor trustee shall have the same powers and duties as those conferred upon the Trustee hereunder. Upon the successor trustee's acceptance of the appointment, the Trustee shall assign, transfer, and pay over to the successor trustee the funds and properties then constituting the Fund. If for any reason the Grantor cannot or does not act in the event of the resignation of the Trustee, the Trustee may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor trustee or for instructions. The successor trustee shall specify the date on which it assumes administration of the trust in a writing sent to the Grantor, the UIC Program Director, and the present Trustee by certified mail 10 days before such change becomes effective. Any expenses incurred by the Trustee as a result of any of the acts contemplated by this Section shall be paid as provided in Section 9.

Section 14. Instructions to the Trustee. All orders, requests, and instructions by the Grantor to the Trustee shall be in writing, signed by such persons as are designated in the attached Exhibit A or such other designees as the Grantor may designate by amendment to Exhibit A. The Trustee shall be fully protected in acting without inquiry in accordance with the Grantor's orders, requests, and instructions. All orders, requests, and instructions by the UIC Program Director to the Trustee shall be in writing, signed by the UIC Program Director, and the Trustee may rely on these instructions to the extent permissible by law. The Trustee shall have the right to assume, in the absence of written notice to the contrary, that no event constituting a change or a termination of the authority of any person to act on behalf of the Grantor or EPA hereunder has occurred. The

Trustee shall have no duty to act in the absence of such orders, requests, and instructions from the Grantor and/or EPA, except as provided for herein.

Section 15. Notice of Nonpayment. The Trustee shall notify the Grantor and the [UIC Program Director], by certified mail within 10 days following the expiration of the 30-day period after the anniversary of the establishment of the Trust, if no payment is received from the Grantor during that period. After the pay-in period (as described in Exhibit C) is completed, the Trustee shall not be required to send a notice of nonpayment.

Section 16. Amendment of Agreement. This Agreement may be amended by an instrument in writing executed by the Grantor, the Trustee, with the concurrence of the UIC Program Director, or by the Trustee and the UIC Program Director if the Grantor ceases to exist. Provided, however, that EPA may not be named as a beneficiary of the Trust, receive funds from the Trust, or direct that Fund be paid to a particular entity selected by EPA.

Section 17. Cancelation, Irrevocability and Termination. Subject to the right of the parties to amend this Agreement as provided in Section 16, this Trust shall be irrevocable and shall continue until terminated at the written agreement of the Grantor, the Trustee, with the concurrence of the UIC Program Director, or by the Trustee and the UIC Program Director if the Grantor ceases to exist. Upon termination of the Trust, all remaining trust property, less final trust administration expenses, shall be delivered to the Grantor, or if the Grantor is no longer in existence, at the written direction of the UIC Program Director.

Section 18. Immunity and Indemnification. The Trustee shall not incur personal liability of any nature in connection with any act or omission, made in good faith, in the administration of this Trust, or in carrying out any directions by the Grantor issued in accordance with this Agreement. The Trustee shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the Grantor or from the Fund, or both, from and against any personal liability to which the Trustee may be subjected by reason of any act or conduct in its official capacity, including all expenses reasonably incurred in its defense in the event the Grantor fails to provide such defense. EPA does not indemnify either the Grantor or the Trustee due to the restrictions imposed by the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. 1341. Rather, any claims against EPA are subject to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. 2671, 2680.

Section 19. Choice of Law. This Agreement shall be administered, construed, and enforced according to the laws of the State of Indiana with regard to claims by the Grantor, Trustee or Beneficiary (if any). Claims involving EPA are subject to federal law.

Section 20. Interpretation. As used in this Agreement, words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular. The descriptive headings for each Section of this Agreement shall not affect the interpretation or the legal efficacy of this Agreement.

Signature Page to follow.

In Witness Whereof the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective officers duly authorized and their corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested as of the date first above written.

Grantor:

Wabash Carbon Services LLC

Daniel Williams Managing Director

Attest:

Rory Chambers

Title:

**VP** Operations

Trustee:

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee

Daryl F. Mergenthal Vice President

Attest

Title: Vice President

#### Exhibit A

State of Tudiana
County of Vigo

On this 4-26-24, before me personally came Daniel Williams to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he resides at 4123 Carriage Lane, Terre Haute, IN 47805, that he is Managing Director of Wabash Carbon Services LLC, the limited liability company described in and which executed the above instrument.

Johnathan A Gasser
Notary Public - State of Indiana
County of Residence: Vigo
Commission Number: NP0621324
My Commission Expires: 09-30-2026

### Schedule A

Because the two injection wells covered by the Agreement will be similarly constructed, supplied by the same CO2 source, operated by the same company and have been modeled together to accurately ascertain any potential interaction of the CO2 plume and Pressure Front the funds noted in the table below apply both injection wells as one integrated facility.

	Cost Estimate					
Facility	Corrective action	Injection well plugging	Post injection site care and site closure	Emergency and remedial response		
EPA Identification Number, name, address Wabash Carbon Services WCCS1 Class VI UIC Well 444 W. Sandford Ave, West Terre Haute, IN 47885	0	\$883,874	\$3,642,656	\$13,905,326		
Wabash Carbon Services WCCS2 Class VI UIC Well 444 W. Sandford Ave, West Terre Haute, IN 47885						

# Schedule B

Facility	Funding Value for Activities		
EPA Identification Number, name, address Wabash Carbon Services WCCS1 Class VI UIC Well 444 W. Sandford Ave, West Terre Haute, IN 47885	\$13,905,326		
Wabash Carbon Services WCCS2 Class VI UIC Well 444 W. Sandford Ave, West Terre Haute, IN 47885			

#### Schedule C

[Pay-in Periods- Grantor provide description and amount as applicable]

The CO<sub>2</sub> Trush Fund will be funded according to when the financial risks are incurred on the Wabsh Carbon Sequestration Project in four distinct activities:

- Pre-Injection: Once an injection or monitoring well is drilled, plugging cost will eventually need to be incurred. Therefore, the trust account will be funded with the cost of plugging injection and monitoring wells prior to drilling the wells. Wabash Carbon Services estimates cost of this activity at \$1,935,602.
- Injection: As soon as injection of CO<sub>2</sub> begins in the Class VI well(s), certain activities will necessarily need to occur (post-injection site care and monitoring and site closure). Therefore, the trust account should be funded with the costs associated with these activities. Wabash Carbon Services estimates the cost of these activities at \$2,590,928.
- Post-Injection: While all costs must be covered at the start of the post-injection phase, the trust account may phase out these costs as the activities are completed (with approval from the Director). For example, once wells have been plugged, their corresponding plugging costs may be subtracted from the total value of the trust account.
- Emergency and Remedial Response: Prior to authorization from the EPA to begin injecting CO<sub>2</sub> under the Class VI permit, Wabash Carbon Services must be prepared to undertake any emergency or remedial response actions, although such actions are unlikely to be needed. Wabash Carbon Services estimates the cost of Emergency and Remedial Response to be at \$9,378,796.

Within seven (7) calendar days after the issuance of final Class VI UIC permits for the Wabash Carbon Services wells, Wabash Carbon Services will ensure that \$1,935,602 is in the CO<sub>2</sub> Trust Fund to cover the cost of plugging injection and monitoring wells in the Pre-Injection Period. In addition, Wabash Carbon Services will ensure that \$9,378,796 is in the CO<sub>2</sub> Trust Fund to cover the cost of Emergency and Remedial response during the construction period and prior to the start of the CO<sub>2</sub> injection.

On or before the one-year anniversary of the issuance of the final Class VI UIC permit for the Wabash Carbon Service injection wells, and at least seven (7) calendar days prior to EPA authorization for the start of the CO<sub>2</sub> injection in either of the wells (whichever is earlier), Wabash Carbon Services will ensure that an additional \$2,590,928 is in the CO<sub>2</sub> trust fund to cover the costs of the Post-Injection Site Care tasks. The total value of the trust at the beginning of the Injection Period will be \$13,905,326.

Funding	Activities			Cost
Pre-Injection (within 7 days of final	Plugging	Injection	and	\$1,935,602
permit issuance)	Monitoring \	Vells		

	Emergency	and	Remedial		\$9,378,796
	Response				
Injection and Post-Injection (within	Post-Injection	Site	Care	and	\$2,590,928
1 year of final permit issuance, or	Closure				
at least 7 days prior to injection,					
whichever comes first)					